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SUBJECT: EC ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON JAPANESE BALL BEARINGS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1225, (B) LONDON 4304

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER ON MARCH 24, HANS BESELER, DG-I OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, SAID THAT THE EC IS NOT YET READY TO REACH A DEFINITE DUMPING FINDING ON BALL BEARING IMPORTS FROM JAPAN. COMMISSION IS PLANNING TO EXTEND ITS PROVISIONAL FINDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS (UNTIL AUGUST 5).

2. IN THE MEANTIME, JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO THE EC THAT THEY ARE READY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON PRICES ON BALL BEARINGS WITH EC. COMMISSION IS WARY OF THIS APPROACH BECAUSE OF THOUSANDS OF VARIETIES OF BALL BEARINGS BEING TRADED AND THE DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING ABREAST OF VARIOUS PRICE REBATES THAT ARE OFFERED BY THE JAPANESE

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EXPORTERS. FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE ARE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK AND THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, BESELER INDICATED THAT U.K. WILLINGNESS TO OPEN ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS, SUCH AS THAT ANNOUNCED IN REFTEL B ON STEEL "SECTIONS

AND FLATS", INCREASES PRESSURE ON EC TO DO LIKEWIDE.  
ALTHOUGH COMMISSION PRESENTLY HAS NO FURTHER FORMAL  
COMPLAINTS ON JAPANESE STEEL IMPORTS, BESELER IS AWARE  
OF INDUSTRY INTEREST IN SOME AREAS. HINTON

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